

Whoosh! Zeppelin sell out

LED ZEPPELIN fever caught rock fans by surprise at the weekend.

The group, who are playing a 24 concert British tour next month, sold out 110,000 tickets last Saturday morning — and all night queues were common in most parts of the country.

Zeppelin haven't toured Britain for over a year, but within four hours of tickets going on sale they were all sold out. The queues formed by the early hours of the morning in most cities, although in Glasgow and London fans were building up by 10 p.m. on Friday evening.

All night queues formed in Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street despite freezing conditions and icy rain. Fans wrapped themselves in plastic sheets to keep dry, and hot soup was available. In London, where Zeppelin play two shows at the 6,000 seater Alexandra Palace, queues formed outside branches of the Harlequin record chain where tickets were put on sale.

Jimmy Page, who was working in the studios this week, told the MM: "When I heard the news about the tickets, I felt very humble."

MILLER'S DEBUT

FRANKIE MILLER, who has just finished a British tour with Ten Years After, has his debut solo album released on Chrysalis this week.

Titled "Once In A Blue

Moon," it was recorded at Rockfield Studios with members of Brinsley Schwarz, who guested with Miller on the Ten Years After tour.

Frankie Miller was lead singer with Jude, the group formed by ex-Procol Harum guitarist Robin Trower and former Jethro Tull drummer Clive Bunker. Miller left Jude to concentrate on a solo career.

SECOND CO-OP

THE SECOND in the Musicians' Co-operative's series of seven winter concerts takes place at the Cockpit Theatre, Marylebone, London, tomorrow night (Friday).

The make-up of each concert is determined by one member of the Co-op. The first concert was Evan Parker's, and this time guitarist Derek Bailey has chosen the musicians.

Beginning at 8 p.m. there will be the reeds-and-percussion duo of Parker and Paul Lytton, Chris McGregor playing solo piano, and a new quartet put together by Bailey, featuring Frank Perry (percussion), Phil Wachsmann



■ Wishbone Ash return to Britain this week, after what has been reported as the band's most successful tour of the States. Wishbone are now set to embark on a British tour opening at London's Rainbow Theatre this coming Saturday (18) and continuing at the Dome, Brighton (24), Winter Gardens, Bournemouth (25), Colston Hall, Bristol (26), Guildhall, Southampton (27).

(violin), and Steve Berresford (piano and trumpet).

During the remainder of the winter, concerts will feature the other members of the Co-op: Lytton, Barry Guy, Howard Riley, Paul Rutherford, and Tony Oxley. Their monthly concerts at Ronnie Scott's Club will continue as before.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

GARY GLITTER, who has been appearing on radio and TV on the continent, started an extensive British tour on Tuesday.

Tonight (Thursday), Gary plays the Locarno, Coventry, followed by Top Hat, Spenny-moor (tomorrow and Saturday), Chelsea Village, Bournemouth (22), County

Harper, whose film Made was released last week, will be playing British concerts in January and early February. Among those assisting him on the new album is Jimmy Page.

IN BRIEF

YES, currently touring Canada, drew 7,000 fans to the National Arts Centre, Ottawa last week. The band have also cut their next album "live" during the tour and it is hoped to release it within the next few months.

DUSTY Springfield returns on December 4 for month's cabaret stint at London's Talk of the Town. Dusty also has a new album entitled "See All Her Faces" released later this month.

STOMU Yamash'ta, the Japanese-born percussionist recently signed by Island, has begun a series of concert dates in Britain at Bath University. The tour coincides with the release of his album "Floating Music."

THREE ex-members of the Houseshakers, Graham Fenton, Terry Clemson and Tommy Husky have formed a new band with two ex-members of Lord Sutch's Savages. The new band will be called the Hellraisers.

THE Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Band have a Christmas single "Little Drummer Boy" released later this month.

SINGER Ed Welch, whose new single, "What A Friend You Are," is out tomorrow (Friday), has written the title

song for Spike Milligan's new film, Adolf Hitler — My Part In His Downfall. Titled "It's Going To Be A Good War," the song is sung in the film by Jim Dale, who has also recorded it as his next single.

NEW World, whose new single is "Living Next Door To Alice," open for a season at the Shakespeare Theatre Club, Liverpool on Sunday, December 24. They are there until the 30th.

THE JSD Band, supported by Harvey Andrews and Joan Armatrading, top the bill at a concert at Croydon's Fairfield Halls on December 7. The concert is being presented by Jo Lustig in association with Cube Records.

BING Crosby will be the star of a 13-part series on Radio Two for transmission during the Spring and early Summer of next year. The programmes—all lasting one hour—will trace the career of Bing and his music from childhood to the present day. The series will include interviews with Bing, to be recorded in the States during the coming months.

RADIO 2 D.J., Tony Brandon has a new single "Sleep Little Children" released by Chapter One on November 17.

COLIN Blunstone becomes the first artist to appear at all three Sundown venues on consecutive nights. Blunstone, whose new band will accompany him on the gigs will be at the Sundown, Mile End (15), Edmonton (16) and Brixton (17).

STACKRIDGE'S Treasure Island Pantomime, takes the road on December 1 at the College of St. Mark and

St. John, London. Stackridge and guests Pigsty Hill Light Orchestra will both play separate sets, besides combining together at the end of the evening for the Pantomime.

McKENDREE Spring fly into Britain on November 21 for their second British tour. Appearances include the Old Grey Whistle Test on December 5.

A FRO-ROCK band Osibisa return from the States this week to embark on a 20-date tour of Britain, opening at Imperial College, London, November 11.

THE Syd Lawrence Orchestra play Glenn Miller music for dancing at the Top Rank Suite, Brighton, on Friday evening (24).

IVY Benson's All Girls Showband are flying over from Stuttgart to top the bill at a Riverside Caravan Park dance and cabaret, Bognor Regis, on Saturday (18).

THE Kinks' next single is to be rush-released at the end of this month. Entitled "Celluloid Heroes" it's the complete six minute version taken from the group's last album, "Everybody's A Star."

STEELEYE Span have a special Christmas single released by Chrysalis on November 24. The single comprises a traditional version of "The Holly and the Ivy," and an album track, "Gaudete."

DEEP Purple, at present touring the States, have been awarded a gold disc for sales exceeding a million of their last album "Machine Head." The band return to Britain on December 16.

Entwistle's band on the road

JOHN ENTWISTLE, bass player with the Who, has formed a new group, Ro Ro — but the new band will not interfere with his activities in the Who.

Guitarist Alan Ross and drummer Grahame Deakin who have both previously worked with Entwistle on his solo albums, are joining him in the new band.

Ross has had the concept of Ro Ro for 2 years and

other members included in the group are Andy Sneddon (bass) and Michael Ship (keyboards).

At present the band are doing a series of college gigs, most of which are free. On completion of the tour, the band go into the studio to record their first album under the direction of Entwistle's co-producer John Alcock, who assisted him on "Wistle Rymes."

ELVIN AT RONNIE'S

ELVIN JONES and his Quartet open a three-week season at London's Ronnie Scott Club on Monday. Also appearing — for two weeks — is singer George Melly with the John Chilton Band.

Illinois Jacquet stars at the club for four weeks from December 11. With him are the Ronnie Scott Trio and singer Jon Hendricks.

SANDY'S NEXT SOLO

SANDY DENNY is recording her next solo album in December. Gigs in December will be limited as a result. Her dates for the next few weeks are Lancaster Un. (November 21), Warwick Un. (23), Nottingham Un. (25),

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